

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 13-23 were rejected as unpatentable over SUOKNUUTI et al. 6,760,601 in view of PHILLIPS et al. 6,181,715 and claim 12 was rejected further in view of MOORE et al. 2003/0027525. Claim 11 has been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Among other features, claim 11 provides that the information retransmission device is integrated into a telephone jack. This feature had been in claim 21, which has been canceled. The Official Action points to SUOKNUUTI et al. column 2, line 63 through column 3, line 3 in support of the rejection of claim 21. This part of the reference discloses that microserver 20 may be connected to the PTSN via a standard telephonic connection. However, what is missing here is any suggestion to integrate the information retransmission device into a telephone jack. That the microserver 20 may include standard telephone connections is not sufficient; the microserver must actually be integrated into the telephone jack, and the reference does not disclose or suggest this. The other references do not make up for this shortcoming.

As is known, a telephone jack is relatively small and thus integration of the information retransmission device into this small structure offers advantages of miniaturization not suggested by the references. Indeed, SUOKNUUTI et al. suggest that the microserver corresponds to a standard modem and do not

disclose integration of this device into a telephone jack as claimed.

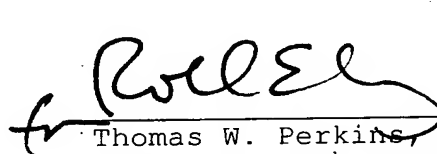
Claim 22 has been further amended to more specifically provide that the information retransmission device is powered by the voltage difference sensed by the telephone jack into which the device is integrated. There is no suggestion in the references to do this, and thus claim 22 further avoids the rejection.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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